



Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measure Set Tool Training

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Objectives

- Understand the detailed specifications and measure calculation for the Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measures
- Demonstrate use of the Excel based data collection and reporting tool
- Review processes for data submission.
- Questions regarding next steps

Background

- Emergency Department Transfer Communication Measure developed by U of MN and Stratis Health in 2005 as part of a CMS Special Study to identify rural relevant measures.
- National Quality Forum Approval led by U of MN in 2007
- QIO CAH Special Innovation Project (SIP) October, 2013 to July, 2014
- Inclusion in Phase III of MBQIP for all CAHs nationally.

Measure Calculation

- Each of the seven measures is calculated using an all-or-none approach
- Data elements are identified for each measure. If the data element is not appropriate for the patient, items scored as NA (not applicable) are counted in the measure as a positive, or 'yes.'
- The patient will either need to meet the criteria for all of the data elements (or have an NA) to pass the measure

Measure Calculation - Example

ETDC 1: Administrative Communication

- **Numerator Statement:** Number of patients whose medical record documentation indicated that all of the following elements were communicated to the receiving facility prior to transfer:
 - Nurse to nurse communication
 - Physician to physician communication
- **Denominator Statement:** All transfers from ED to another healthcare facility

Measure Calculation – Example (cont.)

Rate=

of patients who have a yes or NA for both elements:
nurse to nurse communication, and
physician to physician communication

All transfers from ED to another health care facility

Measure Calculation – Example #2

ETDC 7: Procedures and Tests

- **Numerator Statement:** Number of patients whose medical record documentation indicated that all of the following elements were communicated to the receiving hospital within 60 minutes of discharge.
 - Tests and procedures done
 - Tests and procedure results sent
- **Denominator Statement:** All transfers from ED to another healthcare facility

Measure Calculation – Example #2 (cont.)

Rate=

of patients who have a yes or NA for both elements:
*test and procedures done, and test and procedure
results sent*

All transfers from ED to another health care facility

Data Collection Guide

- Population and Sampling – page 6
- Measure Definitions – pages 8 – 14
- Data Elements – pages 15 – 42
- Considerations for Electronic Transfer of Information – page 7
- Appendices – Paper tool, list of data elements



Demonstration of Excel Data Collection and Reporting Tool

Stratis Health EDTC Project Resources

- http://www.stratishealth.org/providers/ED_Transfer.html



Questions?

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